



Message from the Mayor

TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

Notice of Forest Heights FY 2021 Public Budget Hearing on June 11, 2020 @ 6:30 pm.

The hearing will be held virtually and can be accessed using Dial-in 301-715-8592 @ Meeting ID: 86086081507#. Members of the public who wish to provide comments during the public hearing can be added to the speakers' list by calling 301-839-1030 or by sending an email to shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov Each speaker will have three (3) minutes. However, in the interest of concluding Council business efficiently, different time limits may be imposed in certain circumstances in order to ensure all members of the public comment are able to do so. The Quarterly Report can be obtained by calling the Town Office.

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS

1st MONDAYS @ 7:30 PM

Dial-in: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 86008316885

TOWN MEETINGS

3rd WEDNESDAYS @ 8:00 PM

Dial-in: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 563484463

As a precaution in response to the Coronavirus outbreak, Town Meetings will be open to the public but will be held by teleconference.

For Public Period, each person will be limited to two (2) minutes for public comments and the Mayor and Council Members will not provide feedback to comments or statements provided from the public.

Please send written questions or comments to the **Town Clerk at Shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov**. Comments/questions will be submitted to the appropriate individual.

This is the updated version of the flyer sent out.

Community News

TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS COMMUNITY SHREDDING

SATURDAY
MAY 30, 2020

9 AM - 12 PM

FOREST HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER

5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745



NEED PAPERS SHREDDED?

The Town of Forest Heights is having its Spring Community Shredding Day!

Come shred your unwanted documents. Cardboard, 3 ring binders, magazines and accordion files are **NOT ACCEPTABLE**.

Events Canceled as Forest Heights responds to COVID-19:

May Healthy Heights Seminar

Spring Free Dump Week

Spring Clean Up

Kids to Parks Day

Please stay tuned for further changes in the calendar.



FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR SERVICE APRIL 2020

911 DISCONNECT	29	PARTY COMPLAINT	1
ACCIDENT	4	PREMISE CHECK	228
ALS COMBINED	1	PROPERTY DAMAGE	2
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	1	RESIDENTIAL ALARM	2
ARMED PERSON	1	STOLEN VEHICLE	1
ASSIST	1	SUBJECT STOP	2
ASSIST FIRE EMS	1	SUSPICIOUS PERSON (s)	2
BLS COMBINED	2	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE (occupied)	3
CDS COMPLAINT	1	THEFT FROM AUTO JO	1
CHECK WELFARE	9	THEFT JO	1
CHECK WELFARE COMB.	1	TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	4
DISORDERLY	14	UNKNOWN TROUBLE	5
DISPUTE W/WEAPONS	3	VANDALISM	2
DOMESTIC	6	VEHICLE ACCIDENT COMB	2
DOMESTIC COMBINED	1	Total Calls Handled:	359
DOMESTIC STANDBY	2		
ESCAPE	1		
FAMILY DISPUTE	6		
FIGHT	1		
FOUND	1		
HIT AND RUN	4		
LOUD MUSIC COMPLAINT	2		
MISC POLICE INCIDENTS	5		
MISSING PERSON	1		
NON COMPLIANCE	1		
NOTIFICATION	1		
OVERDOSE ALS COMBINED	1		

POLICE STATION

5508 ARAPAHOE DRIVE

Operating

Monday through Friday

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

301-839-4040

(Emergency) 911 (Non-Emergency)

(301) 352-1200



Community News

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



Meal Sites

On Wednesday, May 6, State Superintendent of Education Dr. Karen Salmon announced that all Maryland public

schools will be closed for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. A letter from CEO Dr. Monica Goldson is forthcoming with more information.

El miércoles, 6 de mayo, la Dra. Karen Salmon, superintendente de educación del estado, anunció que todas las escuelas públicas de Maryland permanecerán cerradas por el resto del año escolar 2019-20. Próximamente se enviará una carta de la Dra. Monica Goldson, directora ejecutiva, con más información.

Starting Wednesday, May 6, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) students can pick up supper as part of their "grab and go" meals and more distribution sites are on the way.

Breakfast and lunch will continue to be served twice a week; the snack will be discontinued and replaced with supper.

Students can get meals for two days on Mondays and three days on Wednesdays. Parents may pick up meals for students who are unable to come to the site by showing a student ID or report card.

Meals are available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parents and guardians are not required to accompany students nor are students required to show ID.

[View meal storage and heating instructions.](#)

The full list of sites is below:

- Drew-Freeman Middle School, 2600 Brooks Drive, Suitland
- Glassmanor Elementary, 1011 Marcy Ave., Oxon Hill
- Hillcrest Heights Elementary, 4305 22nd Place, Temple Hills
- Oxon Hill Middle School, 9570 Fort Foote Road, Fort Washington
- Samuel Chase Elementary, 5700 Fisher Road, Temple Hills
- Suitland Elementary, 4650 Towne Park Road, Suitland
- Thurgood Marshall Middle School, 4909 Brinkley Road, Temple Hills

Tree Law



In Maryland, a property owner may utilize "self-help" to trim back at the property line any tree branches or roots encroaching from an adjoining property. This includes trimming overhanging branches located above the ground that break the imaginary plane located along the property line. The exception is that any trimming of encroaching branches or roots must not be so severe as to threaten the health of the adjoining property owner's tree or other vegetation. If a tree straddles the property line, it is considered jointly owned by both neighbors and both must agree to any removal or pruning of the boundary line tree, unless the tree immediately presents an unsafe condition. Another exception to the self-help remedy exists with regard to roadside trees. Any person who desires to cut down or trim any roadside tree must apply to either the Maryland Department of Natural Resources or the local government (county or municipality) for a permit.

Nonetheless, permits are not required to trim a tree that is uprooted or has branches broken so as to endanger persons or property unless local ordinances state otherwise. Roadside trees are typically located within the unimproved portion of the public right-of-way. However, one should check with the Town and/or a recorded plot to determine the exact location of the property lines.

When dealing with dead trees, the owner on whose property the dead tree stands may have a duty to prevent injury to neighbors or passersby where the tree poses a danger. The owner of an urban tree, such as in Forest Heights, typically has a higher legal duty to use reasonable care to protect the safety of others. If an urban property owner had notice or was otherwise made aware of a dangerous tree condition, he or she would be held responsible for any damages or injuries to unsuspecting persons or property caused by fallen dead branches. If the fallen tree or branch occurs without prior notice or occurs to a healthy tree, it is often referred to as an "Act of God" and the owner is typically not considered to be liable.

TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS/ OXON HILL



CENSUS 2020

Only 50% of Prince George's County residents have completed the census but there is still time left!

To complete the census, go to:
my2020census.gov/

Or return the mailed questionnaire
via US Postal mail



Coronavirus (COVID-19) related news

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPLICATION– STATE OF MARYLAND

The Maryland Department of Labor's Division of Unemployment Insurance has launched a new unemployment insurance application called the BEACON One-Stop. This new application allows all Marylanders to file all types of claims entirely online, including regular benefits, CARES Act benefits, and individuals who were previously required to file by phone. To directly access the new BEACON One-Stop application, please visit beacon.labor.maryland.gov/claimant.

If you have questions about this new application, please read our [BEACON One-Stop FAQs](#). For help with your username and password, please visit our [BEACON One-Stop Username and Password Handbook](#). For additional information about logging into the application, please read our [Login Quick Start Guide](#).

SAVE LIVES. STAY HOME. VOTE FROM HOME.

MARYLAND'S PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION IS JUNE 2

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

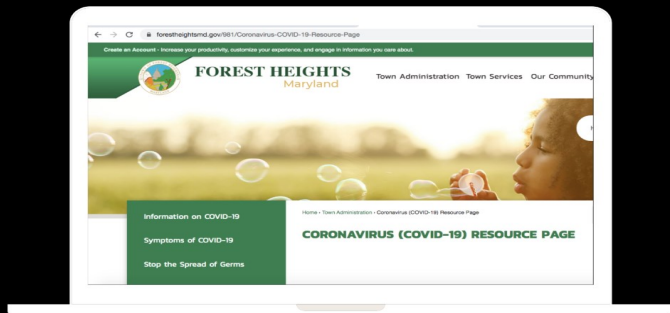
- Make sure your voter record is updated with your current name, party affiliation and mailing address**
- The Election will be conducted by mail**
- DEADLINE: MAY 27**
Voter Registration deadline is May 27
- Vote your ballot and sign the Voter Oath**
- NO POSTAGE NECESSARY**
Mail your ballot as soon as possible or use designated drop boxes

TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

VISIT THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS WEBSITE FOR COVID-19 RELATED RESOURCES

The Town of Forest Heights has created a web page hosting Coronavirus (COVID-19) related information for residents and guests. To get this information, look for the Town Administration bar on the top of the home page, and click on the link reading "Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resource Page."

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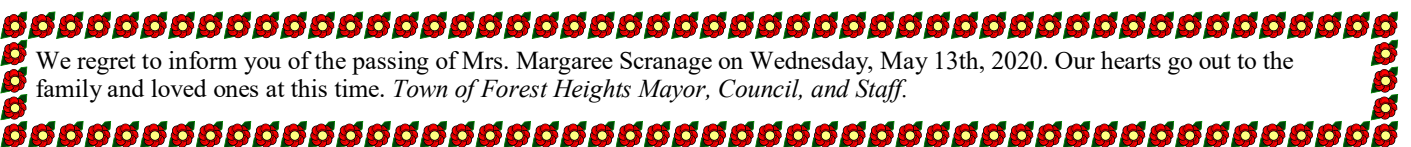


ADDITIONAL VOTING INFORMATION

Don't forget to vote in the primaries! Here are some reminders of how the election is being run during this time. For more detailed information, visit the State Board of Elections web page at <https://www.elections.maryland.gov/>

- It is possible to register to vote in Maryland elections online. Visit www.elections.maryland.gov and click "Register to Vote" to learn more. The deadline to register to vote is Wednesday, May 27, 2020. There is NO online voting.
- All eligible voters will receive a mail in ballot through mid-May. You do not have to request a ballot. It will be sent to you
- If you are not able to complete a mail-in ballot, there will be several voting centers in Prince George's County, including the Bock Road Southern Regional Technology and Recreational Complex. This location will also serve as a drop off center starting May 24.

(Source: State of Maryland Board of Elections Web Page)



We regret to inform you of the passing of Mrs. Margaree Scranage on Wednesday, May 13th, 2020. Our hearts go out to the family and loved ones at this time. *Town of Forest Heights Mayor, Council, and Staff.*

*****EWCWSS****

Local Forest Heights
Post Customer

PRSWRT STD
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U.S. POSTAGE
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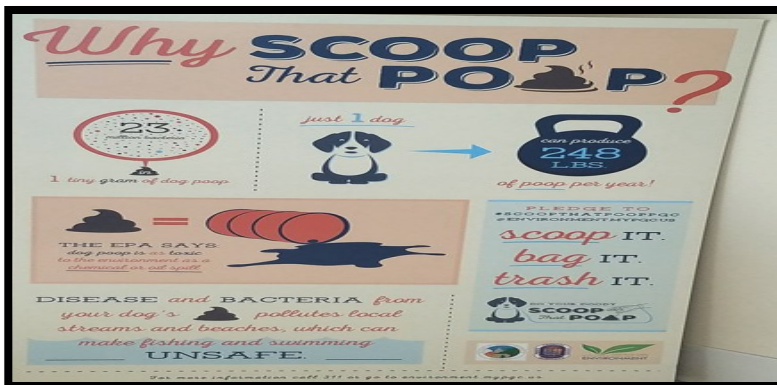
Community News (continued)



WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Apply for weatherization upgrades that can make your home more energy efficient. Applications can be found at the Forest Heights Municipal Building or online at <http://www.e2f2.us/blog/>. Applications can be dropped off at the mailbox at the municipal building. **Veterans and Retired homeowners will be given preference.** For more information, email Mrs. Sherletta Hawkins at shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov.

Pet Waste Station Reminder



FROM THE TOWN CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
MR. HAWKINS **Grass Heights** should be Below 8" inch.

Leash Law. It is against the law for the owner or custodian of any animal to allow the animal to run at-large. Any dog or cat that is found at-large may be impounded. A

violation Notice may be issued to the owner of an animal found. **Scoop that Poop.** The owner or custodian of any dog or cat must remove their pet's excrement from public or private property.



Trash/Recycle Collection is to be placed at the curb the night before collection.



PICK-UP DAYS BEGIN AT 6:30 a.m.

MONDAY—Trash, Yard Waste & Recycling

Forest Heights Residents:

Yard Waste must be placed in paper bags or trash cans marked Yard Waste.

Tree limbs must be tied together in small bundles

Not to exceed 4 feet in length.

THURSDAY—Bulk (Three Items or Less) NO METAL

Mayor Habib-Ullah Muhammad—ext. 1223

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Tessie Hoffmann, Police Clerk—ext. 1225

Lisa White, Director of Communications

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CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

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HEALTHY HEIGHTS COORDINATION

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Information Line (240) 493-6998

Non-Emergency (301) 352-1200

EMERGENCY DIAL 911

www.forestheightsmd.gov

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Phone (301) 839-1030 Fax (301) 839-9236
8:30a.m.—5:00 p.m. Building closed until further notice.